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On November 2 New Times received the following letter from New York:

The Central Intelligence Agency is to the Administration's foreign intrigues and cold-war strategy what the SS Department was to the Hitler Wehrmacht and its grand design for world conquest. It is the super-secret government agency for conducting global "para-military warfare." In Latin America, in Africa, in Southeast Asia, its operatives are to be found at the centre of all intrigues and conspiracies for counter-revolutionary actions against sovereign governments of the new developing countries.

The CIA has in its employ a huge contingent of international bandits and cutthroats. They are practised hands in the underworld crimes of subversion, sabotage and assassination. They are soulless men, hired guns, adventurers without principle or loyalty to anything but their personal self-indulgence, and will perform any shameful deed if the price is right.

Last Saturday (Oct. 30), the obituary page of the national press carried the notice that CIA had been reduced by a head. It seems that ace operative Frank Gardiner Wisner had, the day before, put a 20-gauge shotgun to his temple and pulled the trigger.

In one of those "now-it-can-beold" confessionals, the CIA proudly leaked the disclosure that it was none other than Frank G. Wisner who masterminded the overthrow of the democratically elected Arbenz government in Guatemala in 1954. That brazen act of counter-revolution not only nullified the démocratically expressed will of the people but ushered in a horror of bloody political executions and mass imprisonment of communist and democratic forces in Guatemala. The terror against the Guatemalan people and the total suppression of popular liberties still persist after eleven years. This was the legacy of Frank Wisner, CIA agent per excellence.

There will be no mourning this butcher of the Guatemalan people.

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